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SUBJECT: [ ] MODIFICATION TO CORONA J SYSTEM

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1. INFORMATION OBTAINED AT THE 27-28 JULY 65 PAYLOAD INFORMATION MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH [ ] PERSONNEL INDICATE PLANS FOR THE INITIAL MISSION UTILIZING THE [ ] INCLUDE EXPOSURE OF THE THREE NODAL TRACES ACROSS THE FORMAT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MISSION. EXAMPLES OF TESTS INDICATE THE TRACES WILL BE OPAQUE, OBLITERATING IMAGERY OVER APPROXIMATELY A 40 FOOT SWATH EACH. [ ] ANTICIPATES THIS WILL RESULT IN SOME LOSS OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

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2. [ ] IS AWARE OF THE PURPOSE FOR THE [ ] AND ITS VALUE TO MAPPING AND CHARTING EXPLOITATION. IT IS ALSO COGNIZANT OF THE NEED FOR NODAL TRACES TO CHECK AND EVALUATE THE [ ] CONCEPT. SINCE THE CAPABILITY EXISTS TO INCLUDE OR DELETE THE NODAL TRACES AT WILL, [ ] RECOMMENDS OPERATION OF THE NODAL TRACES BE CONFINED TO ENGINEERING, DOMESTIC AND STRICTLY MAPPING AND CHARTING PASSES ON THE INITIAL MISSION RATHER THAN RISK THE POSSIBILITY OF OBSCURING IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

AFTER EVALUATING AN OPERATIONAL SAMPLE, IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHAT EFFECT THE TRACES HAVE ON THE IMAGERY AND A DECISION MADE REGARDING USE OR NON-USE IN FUTURE MISSIONS.

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